

CONTINUED MEETING OF THE JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 16, 2013

The Jasper County Board of Commissioners met this date at 8:15 A.M. in the Commissioners' Room, Suite 202, of the Jasper County Courthouse located at 115 West Washington Street, Rensselaer, Indiana, with the following members present: Kendell Culp, James A. Walstra and Richard E. Maxwell. Also present was the Auditor of Jasper County, Kimberly K. Grow and Deputy Auditor, Donna J. Horner.

PAYROLL CLAIM & ALLOWANCE DOCKET: Mr. Walstra made a motion to approve the Payroll Claim & Allowance Docket for the check date equal to August 15, 2013. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried.

AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR 2014 AND 2015 / DISCUSSION CONTINUED: Bids for ambulance services for 2014 and 2015 were opened at the August 5 meeting. Nate Metz, Prompt Ambulance Service, requested permission to present some additional information. Mr. Metz stated that there appear to be three (3) primary concerns that the Commissioners have had about Prompt's services in the past. The first point of concern is the ALS coverage for county emergency calls is unavailable due to the Prompt Ambulance being on "hospital transfers". The second concern is that coverage for the County 911 is not adequate and the third concern is that response times are not adequate. After these concerns were expressed, Mr. Metz took the time to research and make sure that he was not missing something from the operational side because this was not the way that Prompt was intending to operate. Mr. Metz explained that the ALS ambulances do go on transfers to the hospital; however, for the last year and a half we have on average provided two (2) ALS units for this county. Using both Jasper County dispatch's records and Prompt's own CAD system, Mr. Metz stated that they discovered that they have responded to 251 "911" calls from 2/26/2012-6/30/2013. 90% of those calls (227) were responded to by "primary" ALS ambulance which in dispatch terms is Medic One. 24 calls were not responded to by "primary" ALS. A breakdown of the 24 calls was given. Information was distributed regarding ambulance response time. Mr. Metz stated that FEMA has a guideline that they put out nationally for a rural community that they have 8 minute response time 90% of the time. 95% of Prompt's response times are within 8 minutes. Six (6) calls were in the 9-15 minute range – these were calls to Fair Oaks, Gifford and McCoysburg. Six (6) calls were greater than 15 minutes – these calls were to Bailey's Corner and the Pulaski County line. On average, Prompt has provided 2.03 ALS staff per day and 2.3 BLS staff per day. Mr. Metz stated that he does feel that they have failed in regards to communication. Further discussion took place. Joe Merry, Prompt, stated that there appears to have been a lack of communication that has resulted in perceptions being drawn. From Prompt's perspective, all of our contracts require us to report on a monthly basis to either an individual liaison or a group of people depending on the structure of the community. The biggest benefit from this is keeping an open-line of communication. Issues need to be addressed as they are occurring as opposed to a multitude of things snowballing. The purchase of Keeney Ambulance Services resulted in us having to evaluate their structure as it was when we purchased it which took some time. Mr. Merry stated that the two incidents this year involving two employees from the northern operation were addressed. Immediate action was taken once these incidents were realized and neither one of these employees is employed by Prompt any longer. We greatly apologize for these two instances and want to assure you that it is not anything that we condone as an organization.

INDUSTRIAL APPRAISAL: The Commissioners requested that Stace Pickering, Consolidated Insurance, review a proposal that was recently received from Industrial Appraisal Company. Mr. Pickering stated that he does receive a copy of the report from Industrial Appraisal every year. The value in regards to what they have and what the County has on their policy is pretty close. The total of what they collected compared to what the insurance company calculated is in-line. Mr. Pickering did question the annual service fees of \$400.00 and \$800.00 for the updating of property values as listed within the proposal. Are these amounts included with the total price of \$11,500.00? Auditor Grow responded that she did not know. Mr. Pickering stated that most of what you are paying for is for fixed assets. In response to a question from Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Pickering replied that from his standpoint he has everything that he needs. The report does give us a reference point. Mr. Maxwell made a motion to not pursue the proposal at this time based on Mr. Pickering's recommendation. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER: Mr. Walstra made a motion to hire Pat Donnelly as the temporary / part-time Veteran Service Officer. Mr. Maxwell seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Donnelly will begin on Monday, September 16.

HARRISON STREET PROPERTY: Two appraisals have been received regarding the property on Harrison Street (Donnelly property). Mr. Maxwell made a motion for Mr. Culp to begin negotiations with the Donnelly family through Attorney John Casey. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

YOUTH CENTER: Mr. Culp reported that he has contacted the CEO of Gibault; however, he has not yet received a response. Mr. Culp did receive a call from the Director of the Youth Center who reported that they have had one family leave due to the uncertainty of the future. Further discussion took place.

REMODELING / RESTROOMS & ANNEX BUILDING: Mr. Culp reported that he met with Curt Albertson, Hamstra Group, on Monday. Due to some flushing issues in the current women's restroom, Hamstra's will run a camera through to see if they can see what is causing the issue. If the issue is not fixable, the four toilets and sinks will be replaced. Mr. Culp reported that work began yesterday at the Annex building. The two offices up front will go to the Prosecutor/Child Support. Karen Wilson, EMA Director, will be moved to the old jury room and the voting machines will go into the office that adjoins this room. Auditor Grow will get quotes from Dean Stockman for staining of the new bathroom door within the courthouse as well as additional woodwork.

There being no further business, Mr. Maxwell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Walstra seconded and the motion carried.

JASPER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Kendell Culp, President

James A. Walstra, Vice President

Richard E. Maxwell, Member

ATTEST:

Kimberly K. Grow, Auditor of Jasper County

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